

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
We have authorized Mr. CLAUD BUDDE to sign our Firm from this date.
DREYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
Mr. THOMAS PYKE has this day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
The Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. FERGUSON in our Firm ceased on the 1st day of November, 1867.
A. FERGUSON & Co.

NOTICE.
The Business will be henceforth carried on under the same Name by the Undersigned.
A. D. MITCHELL,
J. D. MEYERS, and
HENRY TRILLES.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867. 4616-68

NOTICE.
The Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. D. MITCHELL in our Firm, ceased on the 31st day of December, 1867.
A. FERGUSON & Co.
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

NOTICE.
The Interest and Responsibility of Mr. W. C. VAN OORDT in our Firm, ceased on the 1st day of January, 1868.
BOSMAN & Co.
Hongkong, November 19, 1867.

NOTICE.
I have this day established myself as a General Commission Merchant under the style or firm of VAN OORDT.
(Sd)
W. C. VAN OORDT.
Yokohama, October 24, 1867.

NOTICE.
My Business, as Ship and Insurance Broker, Commission Agent, etc. hitherto carried on by myself, will henceforward be conducted under the style or firm of J. S. HOOK, Son & Co.
J. S. HOOK.
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.
As my Engagement ceases in May next, all outstanding Accounts for the past Two Years must be sent in immediately for payment.
MARY HASTLOW HANDLE,
Superintendent.
Dunoon School,
Hongkong, January 2, 1868. 16my

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this port as General Commission Merchant, under the style and firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER & Co.
G. F. PARKER & Co.
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date, Captain J. C. SAUNDERS will undertake the Business of my Marine Surveying at this port.
H. J. DRING,
Marine Surveyor.
Fochow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
WITH reference to the above, the business hitherto carried on by H. J. DRING, Esq., at Fochow will be conducted by the Undersigned.
J. C. SAUNDERS,
Chop Men,
Pagoda Anchorage,
Fochow.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself at this Port as a Public Tea Inspector and General Commission Agent under the style or firm of JOHN ODELL & Co.
JOHN ODELL.
Fochow, April 13, 1868. 16my

HOBBSON & Co.
PUBLIC AUCTIONEERS, SHIPPING AND GENERAL BROKERS
AND
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Kobe, Hong, Japan.

NOTICE.
MR. SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.
DEACON & Co.
Canton, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
The Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD MANNING and Mr. JAMES WHEATLEY in our Firm ceased on 30th April last, and Mr. FREDERICK C. ADAMS and Mr. LEOPOLD KAHN are this day admitted as Partners.
REISS & Co.
China and Japan, May 1, 1868. jun1

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this Port as a General Storekeeper and Commission Agent.
JAMES EDWARDS.
89, Yokohama, March 19, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.
GLOVER & Co.
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
The Interest and Responsibility of Mr. RICHARD B. PARK in our Firm, ceased on the 31st March, 1868.
ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, April 16, 1868. 30jun

NOTICE.
MR. BENJAMIN ROBERT STANFORD was admitted a Partner in our Firm on 1st January, 1868.
J. McDONALD & Co.,
Shipswrights.
Hongkong, May 1, 1868. 1ag

NOTICE.
The connection of the Undersigned with the Firm of Messrs THOS. HUNT & Co. ceases from this date.
J. M. ARMSTRONG.
Hongkong, May 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.
S. L. PHELPS,
Agent.
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
R. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our name at Canton from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, February 15, 1868.

Houses and Lands.

TO LET.
THE HOUSE, No. 14, Shelley Street, adjoining the Club Lusitano. Rent moderate.
Apply to
THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
53, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, May 8, 1868. 22my

TO LET.
THE Premises situated in Queen's Road, Stanley Street, and at present occupied by Messrs H. MANN & Co.
For particulars, apply to
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, 5th September, 1867.

TO LET.
TWO HOUSES on Carlton Terrace, Spring Gardens, with or without Godowns, rent moderate.
Apply to
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, 5th September, 1867.

TO LET.
TWO New and Strong GODOWNS on Marine Lot No. 63.
Apply to
GAVIN THOMPSON,
at Ginn, Livingston & Co.'s,
Hongkong, December 18, 1867. 11.

TO BE LET.
A HOUSE in Queen's Road, commanding a good view of the Harbour from the North side. The House contains eight good Rooms with Bath Rooms, Verandahs, front and back, Kitchens, Servants' Rooms and Godowns on ground floor.
Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, February 8, 1868.

TO LET.
THE OFFICE and GODOWN situated at the corner of Wellington and Aberdeen Streets, and at present in the occupation of Messrs ELMENHORST & SANDERS.
For particulars, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

TO LET.
TWO Fine Houses marked C & D in Hollywood Road, Hongkong, facing the Hotel d'Europe, and commanding a full view of the Harbour. Also two fine Houses on the Praya Grande, Macao.
Immediate possession.
Apply to
Messrs A. A. de MELLO & Co.,
Macao.
or to
Messrs ROZARIO & Co.,
Hongkong.
Macao, April 18, 1868. 18my

TO LET.
FOUR Large ROOMS on Second Floor above the Offices of the Undersigned, 44, Queen's Road, at present occupied by Messrs C. HOCK & Co. Possession can be taken on the 1st of January, 1868.
For terms, etc., apply to
G. DUBOST & Co.
Hongkong, November 6, 1867.

TO BE LET.
ON A LEASE.
OR TO BE SOLD.
THOSE 3 Substantially-built HOUSES, in Tai-ping-shan Street, Nos. 16, 18, and 20, at the head of West Street. These HOUSES were entirely re-built in 1866 and are close to the New Gambling House in No. 100 Hollywood Road. The same command a view over the entire harbour. The Lot is registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot 241 A, contains 1,540 square feet, and the Annual Crown Ground Rent is \$22.
For further particulars, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Hongkong.
or to
H. D. MARGESSON,
Roa Central, Macao.
Hongkong, April 11, 1868. 11.

TO LET.
ALL that Large Plot of GROUND at West Point, near the Sailor's Home and enclosed by a substantial brick wall, known as the French Marine Lot and registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 100. Measuring on the Praya and the South side, each 170 feet, and on the East and West sides, each 250 feet; containing 42,500 square feet.
This plot of Ground facing the Praya is admirably adapted for a Coal or Timber Yard, or for a Ship Building or Manufacturing Establishment.
For further particulars, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Hongkong.
or to
H. D. MARGESSON,
Roa Central, Macao.
Hongkong, April 11, 1868. 11.

TO LET.
O. S. PEGHIL TERRACE,
Blyth Street.
Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, January 24, 1868.

TO LET.
(Furnished.)
AN Airy ROOM in the best part of Wyndham Street.
Apply to
THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
No. 53, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, April 18, 1868. 18my

TO LET.
THE BUSINESS PREMISES, formerly occupied by Messrs ANTHONY, KAHN & Co., consisting of Dwelling House, Offices, and spacious Godowns.
Possession to be had on the 1st March.
Apply to
JOHN BIRD & Co.
Hongkong, February 23, 1868.

LIGHTERAGE AND STORAGE.
THE Undersigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coals, and other merchandise, in THOROUGHS, and to receive the same on STORAGE in First-class Godowns, at Moderate Terms.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1868.

Houses and Lands.

STORAGE.
AN be had in First Class Granite Godowns at Wharfedale, on very moderate Terms.
For particulars, apply to
CHARLES RIVINGTON,
At Messrs LANDSTON & Co.'s Office,
Stanley Street.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

TO BE LET.
Furnished or Unfurnished.
THE Dwelling HOUSE in the Albany at present occupied by Mr. N. R. MASSON. Occupation can be had in a few weeks. Application can be made to Mr. MASSON at the Albany.
HONGKONG, September 25, 1867.

TO LET.
THE PREMISES situated at Fadder's Wharf, lately occupied by Messrs AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Possession can be taken on the 1st of January 1868. For further particulars, apply to
THOS. HUNT & Co.
Hongkong, December 30, 1867.

TO LET.
HOUSE in Spring Gardens, containing four Rooms and Out Houses; Rent, \$28 per month.
Apply to the Victoria Foundry.
Hongkong, March 12, 1868.

TO LET.
AN OFFICE with Godown and Commodore's Room.
Apply to
MELCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, October 1, 1866.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at the P. & O. Co.'s Coal Godowns, West Point, on

SATURDAY,

the 16th instant, at 11 o'clock a.m. Sundry OLD STORES, comprising Iron Gallies, Funnels, Weighing Machines, Hawsers, Rope, Canvas and Leather Hoses, Chains, Coal Scales, Scrap Iron, etc.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.
Hongkong, May 12, 1868. 10my

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 14th May, 1868, at Noon, The old established House, known as the "VICTORIA HOTEL," situated in the Queen's Road West, No. 302.

THE GOODWILL of the above establishment, with all the FURNITURE, FIXTURES and STOCK-IN-TRADE, comprising: 20 beds, PORTER and a large quantity of WINES, LIQUORS, &c.

TERMS.—Cash on the fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, May 8, 1868. 14my

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE.
A Few Copies of STANFORDS LIBRARY MAP OF ASIA, varnished and mounted on rollers. Price \$15.
Apply to J. C. care of China Mail Office.
Hongkong, May 12, 1868. 19my

FOR NAGASAKI.
The British schooner "BOB TAIL NAG," will have quick despatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, May 12, 1868.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The American ship "MIDNIGHT," will have quick despatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
Hongkong, May 12, 1868.

FOR SALE.
Ex Late Arrivals.
Per WEMYSS CASTLE and BLACK PRINCE.
JASS & Co.'s Pale ALE in quarts.
B. Aromatic BITTERS, superior quality. Raynal & Co.'s BRANDY, Martell's Extra.
A few cases of really superior Dinner SHERRY.
OHAMPAGNE, Ay Mousseux, B. E. Perrier.
Breakfast and Dinner CLARET.
Lemon, Cherry, Currant, Orange, Prime Gruyere CHEESE, MACCARONI and VERMICELLI, FRUITS in Jars.
ACIDE TARTARIQUE.
G. DUBOST & Co.
Hongkong, May 9, 1868. 9jun

FOR SALE.
AN Invoice of Hubbuck's Patent Ground White LEAD and White Zinc PAINT, also Turpentine and Pale Boiled Linseed OIL.
And a small Invoice of Patent Safety MATCHES.
Apply to
BLUM BROTHERS & Co.
Hongkong, May 9, 1868. 18my

RASPBERRY, Strawberry, Rose, Currant, Cherry and various other SYRUPS made from real Fruit and bottled in the south of France, can be had at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, April 16, 1868.

NEITHER Captain nor Agents will be responsible for any Debts contracted by the Crew of the barque "Narcine."
PETER WITBROG,
Captain.
Hongkong, March 23, 1868.

New Advertisements.

MR. GLASSE begs to inform his Patrons and the Public that he has just ERICATED a new American SODA WATER FOUNTAIN in anticipation of the hot Season just at hand. TONIC DRINKS and beverages ICE COLD and flavoured with all the various Fruit Syrups of the purest kind can at any moment be had at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, April 16, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ELDERO. HALTON in our Firm ceased on the 30th June last, and Mr. JAMES PENDER DUNOANSON was admitted a Partner on the 1st July.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, January 11, 1868. 1-a-w

Königliche Preussische Consulate.
HONGKONG, den 6ten April, 1868.
Die nachstehende Bekanntmachung des Königlich Preussischen General Consuls zu Shanghai bringt hiernächst zur Kunde der Unterthanen der Norddeutschen Bundesstaaten.

J. MENKE,
Stellvertreter des Königlich Preussischen Consuls.

BEKANNTMACHUNG.
NACH dem Norddeutschen Bundesgesetz vom 25ten October 1867 haben alle Kaufahrtschiffe der Bundesstaaten, also namentlich die Preussischen, Mecklenburg, Oldenburgs und der Städte Bremen, Hamburg und Lübeck vom 1ten April 1868 ab als Nationalflagge ausschliesslich die Bundesflagge zu führen.

Die Bundesflagge ist wie folgt zu beschreiben: Ein roth weisses und blaues Streifen, der mittlere weiss und der untere roth ist. Das Verhältniss der Höhe der Flagge zur Länge ist wie zwei zu drei. Die Bundesflagge wird von den Schiffen am Heck oder am hinteren Mast—und zwar in der Regel an der Gaffel dieses Mastes, in Ermangelung einer solchen aber am Top oder am Mast geführt. Ein besonderes Abzeichen in der Bundesflagge oder einen Wimpel zu führen, ähnlich demjenigen der Kriegsmarine des Norddeutschen Bundes, ist den Kaufahrtschiffen nicht gestattet.

Die Loosenflagge der Norddeutschen ist die neue Bundesflagge in kleinen Format, rings umgeben von einem weissen Streifen, dessen Breite gleich der der inneren Seiten ist.

Die Kaufahrtschiffe haben die Bundesflagge stets zu führen, sobald sie ein Schiff oder Fahrzeug der Bundeskriegsmarine, eine Festung oder ein Küstenfort passieren, welche ihre Nationalflagge gesetzt haben. Dasselbe gilt bei der Begegnung mit Kriegsschiffen befreundeter Mächte auf See.

Nach § 18 des Flagengesetzes genügen die bisher vonden einzelnen Landesbehörden erhaltenen Certificate auch zur Führung der Bundesflagge. Alle unter interministeriellen Consular-Certificaten versehenen norddeutschen Schiffe haben indessen sofort ihre Eintragung in der Heimath zu bewirken.

Königlich Preussisches General Consulate, TETTENBORN.
Shanghai, den 31sten März, 1868.

CONSULAR NOTIFICATION.
BRITISH CONSULATE,
CANTON, 8th April, 1868.
THE Undersigned has been instructed by Sir Rutherford Alcock, K.C.B., Her Majesty's Minister in China, &c., &c., to obtain the views of those interested in the trade of Canton regarding the establishment of a Bonded Warehouse, and would feel obliged by any information on the subject they will favour him with either separately or collectively.

D. B. ROBERTSON,
Consul.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE.
LES 4 et 6 Juin prochains il sera procédé à Saigon, par le Comte de la Marine Impériale, à l'adjudication de la fourniture de 10—De trois millions de kilogrammes environ, de charbon de terre d'Australie en roches.

26.—De différents articles de matériel naval, matières grasses, torres, quincaillerie &c.

Hongkong, 2 Mai 1868.
Le Consul de France,
HENRY DU CHESNE.

LATEST SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
May 12, Peking, H.C.M. steamer, from Whampoa.
May 12, Daylight, Siamese barque, 350, Smith, Bangkok Apr. 8, 11,000 piculs Rice. Chinese.

CLEARED.
4 id, for Fochow.
Desie, for Labuan.
Ziba, for Fochow.
Matilda, for Tientsin.
Midnight, for Whampoa.
Tika, for Swatow.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The Siam, barque Daylight, from Bangkok, reports fine weather and variable winds all the passage to Hongkong. On 6th May in lat. 16.22 N. long. 113.9 E., spoke the Amer. ship Nereida, from Boston to Hongkong, 187 days out.

VESSELS PASSED ANKER.
April 3, Mia, London to Shanghai.
5, Mercator, Cardiff to Shanghai.
5, Lennox Castle, London to Shanghai.
9, Fray Bentos, Macao to Peru.
11, Chantassana, Macao to Havana.
14, Chusan, London to Hongkong.
14, Burdway, London to Shanghai.
14, Montrose, Cardiff to Hongkong.
16, Titania, London to Shanghai.
16, Peter Deun, London to Hongkong.
17, Ulrich, New York to Ythama.
17, Jungfrau, London to Japan.
17, Andrus, Shanghai to London.
17, Manne, Cape of G. H. to Hongkong.
19, Peronito, London to Japan.
19, Hermann and Emma, Hamburg to Hongkong.

20, Josefa Almir, Havana to Hongkong.
20, Santa Maria, Cadiz to Manila.
21, Precious, Cardiff to Shanghai.
21, Zingra, Cardiff to Yokohama.
24, Unwari, Hongkong to Melbourne.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.
MAIL will close—
FOR SHANGHAI—
Per "SUWONADA," To-morrow, the 13th inst., at 8 p.m.

QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 12th May, 1868.
OPUM.—Patna, New, 8040
Coclea, 8000
Benares, New, 830
Malwa, 870
COTTON.—BORNEY, 23
CALCUTTA, 20 1/2 of red

Exchange.
Bank, 6 months' sight, 4 1/2 1/4 1/4
Coclea, 6 1/2
On Calcutta, 3 days' sight, Rs. 219
Boutay, 3 days' sight, Rs. 217 1/2 1/4
Shanghai, 3 days' sight, Tls. 72 1/2
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., 11 1/2 per c. pro
Sycee, 10 per c. pro
Mexicans, 10 per c. pro
Gold Leaf, 24.40 per tale
Gold Bar, 98 touch, 24
English Sovereigns, 1 per c. pro
Australian Sovereigns, 4.85
Discount, 0
Gas Company Shares, 9 per Share
H. & W. post dock, 14 per cent pm.
Do. do. New, 6 per cent pm.
H. & S. Bank Shares, 10 per cent pm.
Do. do. New, 3
H. kong Hotel Shares, 32 1/2 per cent dis.
Union Dock Shares, 12 1/2 per c. dis.

Temperature.
HONGKONG, 12th May, 1868.
Barometer, 30.26 29.94
Attached Thermometer, 81 84
Dry Bulb, 82.0 85.0
Wet Bulb, 77.0 78.0
Maximum S. Rgr., 89.0
Minimum S. Rgr., 77.0
Max. Sun's Rays, 132
Minimum on Grass, 75.0
Previous Rain on Grass, 0.00
24 hours, 1 1/2 above, S.W.
Wind, 2 3
Cloud, 3 3
Ozone, 4 3
Weather, Fine. Fine.

THE CHINA MAIL.
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1868.

BRIBERY.
The charge of extortion against the Inspector of Buildings gives rise to some natural reflections upon the ideas entertained by the native Chinese of our police and judicial administration. We have not, of course, the slightest intention of commenting upon the case in question, it being sub judice; but the fact of its being brought forward serves to remind us of the ineradicable belief in official corruption which forms so ingrained a portion of the Chinaman's belief. As a necessary consequence we are tempted to ask 'what means are adopted to instil into the native mind correct sentiments upon this subject? To say that, as punishment invariably follows upon any government employé being detected in receiving bribes, a sufficient check is thereby imposed upon the credulous native is, simply, to talk nonsense. Even in China itself the holiest of 'bribery and corruption' punishment frequently follows the detection and proof of such an offence, and a pretty lengthy roll containing the names of officials displaced and degraded from this cause bears witness to the fact; but, despite anything to the contrary, bribery flourishes so luxuriantly that the very successors of an official superceded from this cause unblushingly follow his footsteps, it being generally understood that punishment does not result from the mere commission of so venial a crime, but from the misfortune of possessing enemies powerful enough to make such a peccadillo the handle of an official prosecution. There have been sufficient instances in Hongkong to justify the suspicion that it is considered to be a recognized means of access to certain departments, though we are fully convinced that no colour to such a belief has ever been given by the conduct of those holding authority in those departments. Did we merely take the recorded cases in which bribes have been offered and refused we should have sufficient ground for the assertion that there is a wide-spread belief in their efficacy amongst the native population. The question is, how can this belief be eradicated? It takes two parties to complete an act of bribery—the briber and the bribee. We may, by the employment of strictly honorable subordinates, do away with the latter. The former will we fear, continue to flourish so long as Hongkong contains a native population. But the practice might be materially checked by a little action on the part of the executive.

It was, we believe, found necessary in Peking to post notices at the gates of the Legations to the effect that any native who could prove the reception of a bribe on the part of the Chinese servants should have the amount returned to him and a reward besides. Some such notice posted up at our police and other Courts would, we are convinced, have a beneficial effect. It might be urged that this would open the door to false accusations, but care being had as to the decisive value of the proof produced, there is, we imagine, but little danger from this source to the strictly honest portion of the subordinates. It is, at all events, unmistakably necessary that means be taken to mark official displeasure against both the offerer and receiver. To supplement the notice above referred to with another to the effect that any one who received a bribe should, if he informed, receive a reward likewise, would tend to place both

parties in a more dangerous position. It might then be a case of "diamond cut diamond" at times, but the general tendency would be what we should aim at—to render bribery an unsafe operation for both sides. It is now so to a certain extent, but not sufficiently to bring the possibly disagreeable results vividly before the native mind. Our suggestions may possibly be improved, but that some means be adopted to repress a daily increasing source of distrust in our law, and reputation for honest dealing, is, we are convinced, a necessity. No Chinaman believes that the whole of any bribe received by a policeman goes solely into his own pocket. However unfounded and absurd the supposition, it is invariably held that some portion of it goes into the pockets of his superiors; and if twenty-five years of British administration have still left this belief extant the sooner it is "stamped out" the better.

The remarks put forth by HOUSEHOLD in his letter published yesterday are worthy of some attention, though they tend rather to prove a mistaken idea on the part of His Excellency the Governor than to advance any very cogent reasons for lessening the stamp duty on small bills. The argument cuts both ways, inasmuch as by his very shewing the average of exchange on England is favorable to the Colonial public; and the amount paid for the stamp comes therefore out of the sum made by exchange in place of trenching upon the actual sum reckoned at par. When the exchange becomes unfavourable, the post-office will, on the other hand, afford a ready means to remitters of small sums, to obtain orders at a fixed rate of deduction, so that while it is undeniable that the remitter must pay in some form, the tax does not become in either case unjustly heavy. If, however, the argument of His Excellency be supposed to refer only to remittances between Hongkong and the open ports of China and Japan there will be a reasonable cause for accepting the new postal regulations as a decided boon. The great difficulty hitherto has not been the rate of exchange between these places, but the question of obtaining bills for small sums at all. The Stamp Act will but slightly affect small money transactions in this direction, which will be carried on almost entirely through the Post Office.

LOCAL.
WA-HEE AND OTHERS v. HENDERSON.
(The following is the judgment given in this case by the Chief Justice, this day.)
In this case I am of opinion that judgment must be entered for the defendant.

A variety of goods including 2 centrifugal machines and 30 cases of fire clay were shipped in London by McDonald & Co. in July last on board the Red Riding Hood, consigned to the plaintiffs at Hongkong. Of that vessel the defendant is the master. The goods were shipped under a bill of lading in the ordinary form with the exception of a memorandum indorsed upon this to the effect "Weight and contents unknown, and not accountable for leakage breakage or rust."

When these goods arrived in Hongkong the centrifugal machines were found to be broken as also some ten or twelve of the cases and this action is brought to recover damages for the injury.

The condition in the bill of lading in terms exempts the master from liability; but the true meaning of that condition is according to the authorities, that he is not liable for breakage, unless the act was occasioned by his negligence or the negligence of his crew.

As regards the centrifugal machines I am of opinion that it was not so caused. It seems to me to have been caused by heavy goods being placed by the Stereodon on these machines. But that is not necessarily negligence. He was surely justified in placing heavy goods upon a heavy mass outward appearance it was of a delicate and tender nature. No such warning or communication was made to the defendant and the negligence therefore was in my opinion the negligence of the shipper. As regards the cases, I have no evidence before me, that they were broken by the negligence of the defendant or of his crew.

He is therefore protected by that memorandum. Upon the whole judgment must be entered for the defendant with costs, including costs of Attorney.

Mr. Haylar, instructed by Mr. Hagelard, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Caldwell for the defendants.

We copy the following from the Cape Advertiser of Feb. 25—

His Excellency the Governor has directed the publication of the following communication addressed to the Honorable the Collector of Customs by the officer in charge of the Island of Ascension, relative to the establishment of pier dues at that island—

"Island of Ascension, 18th December, 1867.
"The Hon. the Collector of Customs, Cape Town.
"Sir,—The pier dues, &c., specified below having been established (as this island (to date from the 1st of January, 1868) with the view of discouraging merchant ships from making this port of call in preference to the Cape and St. Helena, for supplies of water, provisions, and other stores, which water can only be furnished at great inconvenience to the public service,—I have the honour to request that you will be pleased to cause a notification thereof to be exhibited at the Custom-house at Cape Town, and promulgated in any other manner that you may consider best adapted for conveying information to the mercantile marine. I have, &c., A. Weinstadt, Captain in charge of Ascension."

"The Pier Dues, &c., referred to—For every merchant ship or vessel—British colonial, or foreign—arriving at the island for any purpose whatever (excepting only on Government service), per register ton, 14d. For every cargo, cargo, or passenger ship, 1s. For the use of the Admiralty boats, every ton or part of a ton raised or lowered from or for any merchant ship or vessel, 5s. Health officer's fee, 7s. 6d. Certificate of clearance, 2s. 6d."

POLICE.
Monday, 11th.
Mr. (Before City Magistrate.)
Edward Lawrence,

more dangerous position. It can be a case of "diamond cut diamond" at times, but the general tendency would be what we should aim at—bribery an unsafe operation for us. It is now so to a certain extent not sufficiently to bring the disagreeable results vividly before the public mind. Our suggestions may be improved, but that some steps should be adopted to repress a daily source of distrust in our law, and for honest dealing, is, we think, a necessity. No Chinaman would be the whole of any bribe by a policeman goes solely into his pocket. However unfounded the supposition, it is invariably that some portion of it goes into the pockets of his superiors; and if years of British administration still left this belief extant the "stamped out" the better.

Mr. Parker put forth by HOUSEHOLDERS after published yesterday are of some attention, though they do not prove a mistake in idea on the part of His Excellency the Governor. It is a very cogent reason for the stamp duty on small exchange on England is favorable to the Colonial public; and the sum made by exchange in Hongkong upon the actual sum at par. When the exchange is unfavorable, the post-office will, on the other hand, afford a ready means for the small sums, to obtain a fixed rate of deduction, so that it is undeniable that the tax must pay in some form, the tax becomes in either case unjustly levied. However, the argument of the Government is supposed to refer only to the difference between Hongkong and the ports of China and Japan there is a reasonable cause for accepting postal regulations as a decided disadvantage, the great difficulty hitherto has been the rate of exchange between the two, but the question of obtaining small sums at all. The Stamp duty, but slightly affect small money in this direction, which will be almost entirely through

MEETING OF JUSTICES. LICENSES.

The usual monthly meeting of Justices was held this forenoon at the Magistracy;—Present: Messrs May (Chairman), Mitchell, Rowett, Deane, and Dr Murray.

There were only two applications before the Justices—one the old question of the Albion license, and another the transfer of the Victoria Hotel license.

Mr Parker appeared to urge that the license for the old Albion Hotel should be granted to him, now that Mr Francis (whose interests had been confused with those of Parker) had withdrawn his claim in favor of Parker.

Mr May explained that he believed that Parker and Francis had gone in jointly into the business, and that now Parker appeared for the license on the old ground.

Dr Murray said that, since both Francis and Parker had been refused the license, it might be said to have merged. There were the Stag Hotel and the London Inn on this side of the cross-roads.

Mr May remarked that Mr Smith was rather inclined to favor Parker's receiving his old rights, as promised by former Justices, and that he had intended to be present at this meeting.

Mr Mitchell observed that there was some sort of right attached to Parker, but it was compensated for when another license was granted to Parker. It was only on Parker's own statement that Francis' retirement was before the Justices; he had reason to believe that Francis was preparing a petition to the Governor.

Mr Parker here stated that he applied for the renewal of the license he first obtained in 1859. Mr Francis (who also appeared) stated that he had waited so long, that he had waived his right and joined Mr Parker.

Mr May said that he was inclined to favor the application.

Mr Deane said there was nothing against the application except that it was for a house in an interdicted locality; but, the old occupation considered, he was inclined to approve of the application.

Dr Murray reminded the justices that it was a very good principle which kept the public-houses west of the cross-roads.

Mr Mitchell observed that the improved health of the soldiers was sufficient proof of that fact.

Mr May remarked that the fate of the houses recently established there showed that they very soon became nuisances. There was a low public-house, which became a low public-house, and had soon to be given up. And likewise the Argus.

Upon the Justices, however, expressing their approval of the grant of the application, Mr May said that the Bench granted the license on the condition that Parker should remain in charge, and have the

witness got \$500 from Tam Achoy. (Mr Francis objected to this being taken down as evidence, because it furnished the connecting link between that and other facts.) Witness followed up this statement by stating that he gave these \$500 in question to defendant shortly afterwards—he gave them in a roll, but did not count them; he thought they were in \$50 notes, because the one outside was a \$50 note. Defendant afterwards, in reply to witness, said he could get a European for Tam Achoy to look after the buildings, at \$70 a-month; since then he had said nothing to witness.

Tam Achoy's accountant pointed out the \$500 entry as made by him at his master's order, and said that the entry of \$500 was not posted into any other book, because it could not be placed to any particular account of expenses on building; the entry was first made on March 6th, about 11 or 12 o'clock at night. Sometimes his master forgot entries for a few days, and then told him to enter them.—Mr Superintendent Deane stated that defendant was appointed Inspector of nuisances on 12th July 1867; he is attached to the Surveyor General's Department, and his duties are to look after new buildings. Up to 25th April, he had had no reason to complain against him. Rumors reached him (witness), which he conveyed to the Registrar General; and the defendant resigned, or asked his resignation to be accepted, on 27th April. Inspectors are called upon to give two or three months' notice of resignation. (Anything regarding resignation was objected to by Mr Francis, upon which Mr Smith said that a general line of evidence was followed by the Magistrate, especially in cases likely to go to the Supreme Court. His Worship said that he did not wish to go beyond the bounds of evidence, but anything which supplied necessary links to the case he would take down, at the same time taking note of the objection taken.) Defendant gave as a reason for his wishing to go at once, that a favorable opportunity then offered for a passage to Australia which was not likely to offer for some time.

His Worship remarked that, now the case for the prosecution was closed, he would commit the defendant for trial at the Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court.

Mr Francis asked if his Worship meant to do so without calling witnesses for the defence, when the Magistrate observed that he would be glad to hear any defence which could be made. Mr Francis therefore briefly sketched the defence to be set up. In so far as the object for which Tam Achoy was alleged to have paid the \$500 was never attained it was inconsistent to say that it was ever paid at all; and besides the whole story was inconsistent in itself. To imagine that a Chinaman would pay so large a sum, with the alterations which the bribe was meant to avoid being still carried out

March. Defendant had given him notice that the house was not sufficiently strong in the joists; and said that the house would have to be pulled down, adding "If you don't want the house, pulled down, you must give me \$100." Complainant pleaded poverty at the time, on which the Inspector said "Give me \$80"; complainant then offered defendant \$65; he gave them to defendant in thirteen \$5 notes. The work had been stopped; but when the \$65 were paid, the work was again commenced. Another notice was issued on the 24th April.

Mr Francis (who, on Mr Gaskell's behalf, again appeared for the defendant) objected to this evidence as to 24th April, because the answers were not evidence, and were not connected with the particular charge. But his Worship overruled the objection, on the ground that he could not ascertain whether they referred to the primary charge or not until the witness gave his answers.

Examination continued:—Went to defendant's quarters the same day, when defendant said, "If you haven't \$200 you must pull down the house." Only defendant and witness were present. Next day he went and complained to the Registrar General. Witness keeps his own accounts, and here produced a book containing an entry "Paid to the Inspector, \$65," on March 28th. All the account book is in his own hand-writing.

By Mr Francis: Lo Achung is my uncle; my name is Lo Achung; and I live on my money. Mr Storey was the architect of the house, and on going to him after getting defendant's notice, Mr S. told me that the joists were too close; I next went and paid the money to defendant.—Re-examined: He paid the money because he was afraid that the houses would be pulled down.

Mr Hazeland asked for a remand, as he had no more evidence at present. The case was therefore remanded till to-morrow at 10.30 a.m.

The bull in the former case (\$1800) was held to cover this case—three householders, in \$500, or two in \$700.

But Mr Hazeland strongly objected to bull standing for both cases, as he had another case against defendant for to-morrow.

Mr Deane said that there were eighteen or twenty cases altogether, and some thousands of dollars in question.

His Worship observed that defendant had better be kept in Gaol until this case be settled; it was only a short time.

Mr Francis objected to any considerations of possible charges being allowed to influence bail; that was a most unusual course.

Mr Hazeland therefore asked for fresh bail; when the Magistrate ruled that the

in consequence. Found only 374 packages on the boat notes. In reply to Mr Toller, witness said he came to the conclusion that the goods had never been on board at all, and gave information accordingly.—Chief Officer Goggin stated that he had charge of the cargo of the *Carmarthenshire*, and the hatches were locked up every night. The discharge of the cargo was carried on by stevedores, and the crew had nothing to do with it. The hatches were opened every morning, he kept the keys. Cases were never left on deck at night, or at meal-hours. The numbers and marks of every package are put down in the Cargo-book, but not on the boat-notes. No. 2996 was received on board and in the Cargo-book. Another book he kept where the marks and numbers were put down. On comparing his boat-notes with those of the tally-clerk, he gave him a receipt. Could find no entry of discharge of any of the missing packages. He supposed they must have gone over the side without his knowledge. By Mr Toller: Have heard of packages not taken on board in London, and have also heard of packages having been lost on the voyage. [The Bench: Generally cases of Champagne.] Could not always keep the boat from the ship's side. Chinese who were discharging did not wait at dinner time more than five or six minutes before recommencing work. If there were preparation, a bale might be taken away without my knowledge.—Inspector Daly stated that he went on board *Carmarthenshire* on 10th March, after which he went to Sham-az-po on the China mainland, where he found the relevant produce, and the books produced. From further information, he apprehended the prisoner; and on examination of the cargo-boat No. 9 this morning, he saw that there was a small hole in the bulkhead, through which any one could see what was done on the other side. Sham-az-po is close to the boundary, one house of the village being in English territory; but he was accompanied by a Chinaman mandarin. The velvet measures about 22 yards, and it was wrapped up in a piece of ornamented white-flowered paper. Messrs Reins & Co. opened No. 2004 package, in the goldown of M. L. & Co., one piece from which was produced: the paper in which it is wrapped is of the same pattern as that found at Sham-az-po. The *Carmarthenshire* returned from Saigon on the 1st of May. By Mr Toller: The shop at Sham-az-po appeared to be for the sale of empty brandy cases and pickles, and was apparently a sort of marine store. Amoon came voluntarily and was not arrested by me; I sent for him to come on board, but he was not arrested.—Jedell Loyun, interpreter, here examined the Chinese account books produced by the Inspector and states that there was nothing

which this abode of death had doubtless, at one time, been carpeted.

Lying beside the bones were numerous ornaments, indicating the rank of the dead, and among them were many of those twisted circles of gold known to antiquarians as *torques*, which had at one time entwined the necks and the arms of their savage owners. Some of these were of unusual size, weighing one a half to two pounds, and many minor ornaments of the same precious metal were also secured by the happy finders.

What chiefly attracted attention was, however, a massive basin or kettle that occupied the centre of apartment, and was doubtless used as a sacrificial conser, for burning incense, it being two feet high and two feet and a half circumference. This massive article, wonderful to tell, proved on inspection to be pure gold, and was so heavy that the party had great difficulty in removing it from its resting place and bringing it into the upper air. Endeavours were then made to break the vessel, but the pure quality of the gold caused it only to bend beneath the weight of the blows inflicted upon it.

After great exertion the adventurers were enabled, by means of axes, to sever the mass into portable pieces, laden with which the party turned their steps homewards, having themselves to walk the greater part of the way to give relief to the burdened animals. The whole amount of gold was brought to Helena, and Mr Edward Parsons calculated that his share of the treasure amounted to about \$21,000, the whole being about \$100,000 in value. Mr Parsons is a native of Montana, and resides at Green Vale, near Helena, where he is well known. Notwithstanding his extraordinary good luck, he intends to return to the river where these discoveries were made, and which he calls Green River, feeling convinced that there are more outcrops in that vicinity.

LETTER FROM MR. BURLINGHAME.

The State Department at Washington has received the following letter from Mr. Burlingame, dated Shanghai, Dec. 11, 1867: It is the one referred to in our leader yesterday:—

Sir,—You will have learned from my telegram from Peking of my appointment by the Chinese Government as envoy to the Treaty Powers, and of my acceptance of the same. The facts in relation to the appointment are as follows: I was on the *Peregrine*, proceeding to the treaty ports of China to ascertain what changes our citizens desired to have made in the treaties, provided a revision should be determined upon; after which it was my intention to resign and go home. The knowledge of this coming to the Chinese, Prince Kung gave a farewell dinner, at which great regret was expressed

by one side and some by the other, it may perhaps not be uninteresting to our readers to add another to the long list. As the claimant to the baronetcy lived for some years in Australia, of course both parties to the litigation have employed active agents in hunting for evidence and for witnesses, the one to prove, the other to disprove, the identity of Tom De Castro with Sir Roger Tichborne. The trial, when it does take place in the English courts, will certainly be one of the most remarkable in legal annals. An article appears in another column, from a Deniliquin paper, in which the writer takes a very unfavourable view of De Castro's tensions, and considers him the same with one Arthur Orton, a convict. Orton is said to have been convicted in 1853, and sent out to one of the colonies. We have been informed that this same Orton was living in Fremantle, Western Australia, in 1867, and that he sent home a letter to one of his family. If this be so, he cannot be Tom De Castro, as this latter individual was in England in the year 1865. Sir Roger Tichborne is supposed to have been lost on board the barque *Bella* which sailed from Rio Janeiro some time in 1854, but the claimant alleges that he and several others of the crew were saved and brought on to Melbourne. A sailor, we believe, has been found who has been shown a photograph of the claimant. He recognises this, we are told, as the likeness of Sir Roger Tichborne, whom he saw on board the *Bella*, talking to the captain a short time before her departure from Brazil. This sailor was not connected with the *Bella*, or at least was not with her on her last voyage. And then the claimant, the Deniliquin paper, as the real Sir Roger by officers and privates of his regiment, by members and old servants of the family, by residents in the neighbourhood,—these witnesses numbering in all ninety-seven. The tailor of the regiment swears that De Castro correctly described to him the shape and material of the last two suits he obtained from him; and identified the photograph of one of his former fellow officers. An explanation is also afforded as to why De Castro was the name assumed by the claimant, and it is this, that Sir Roger, when in Chili, was acquainted with a family of that name. To one of that family he lately wrote, recalling the circumstances and conversations he had with them; and, in reply, a letter was received in which all his statements were confirmed. All these facts are rather singular, whilst the considerations, on the opposite side, are no less deserving of attention, though, of course, we express no opinion either one way or the other. As the claimant lived for many years near Wagga and Deniliquin, evidence obtained in that quarter will not be the least valuable; and the solicitor for the plaintiff, Mr Allport, with Mr Berliner,

Post-Office Notifications.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:
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Per 10.00, the Mails for India, Europe, &c. will be closed at 11 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, 23rd inst., at 11 o'clock A.M. To and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles; to France and other Continental States (in a closed mail to France); to Saigon, Singapore, Galle, India, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion and Mauritius, Puez and Alexandria. Letters for Registration will be received until Noon on 23rd inst. at a late fee of 18 cents. Correspondence intended to be forwarded by the vessels of the above company must be superscribed per Messageries Impériales Packet.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, May 1, 1888.

MAILS BY THE "MALACCA."
The Contract Packet "MALACCA" will be despatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c. on FRIDAY, the 15th May, at 7 A.M., and the Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Letters for Registration, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 9 P.M. on the 14th inst. Letters, &c. may be posted in the night box from 9 P.M. on the 14th inst. until 6 A.M. on the following morning.

All Letters posted between 5 and 6 A.M. on the 15th May will be chargeable in addition to the usual postage, with a late fee of 18 cents.

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 6 A.M. and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 5 A.M. on the 15th May.

Further, late Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Marseilles or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 6.30 to 6.50 A.M. on payment of a late fee of 48 cents each, in addition to the postage, after which no Letters can be received.

Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence of Box Holders will be received at the window set apart for the purpose, on the East Side of the building.

All correspondence for places to which prepayment is compulsory must be prepaid in Hongkong Postage Stamps.

Insufficiently stamped Letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be sent on, charged with a fine of One Shilling in addition to the postage.

Letters posted after 6 A.M. on the 15th May will not be forwarded unless the late fee as well as the postage is prepaid.

Letters insufficiently stamped or unstamped addressed to places to which they cannot be forwarded unpaid, will be opened and returned to the writers as early as possible, but no guarantee can be given that such Letters, if posted after 9 P.M. on the 14th inst., will be returned until after the mail is closed.

Postage Stamps should be placed on the upper right hand corner of the correspondence, except in cases where they may be used in payment of "Late Fees," when the Stamp or Stamps representing the late fee should be placed on the lower left-hand corner.

All transactions in fractional parts of a Dollar will be conducted in the Coin prescribed by Ordinance 1, of 1864, and the Proclamation of the 22nd January, 1864, and no other Coins, but those therein specified will either be received or given in change as fractional parts of a Dollar.

Payment for Postage Stamps must be made in the current Dollars of the Colony or Bank Notes.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, May 4, 1888.

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For every additional 4 oz., 6 " "
The Postage must in all cases be paid in advance.

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A Book Packet may contain any number of separate Books, Almanacs, Maps or Prints, and any quantity of paper, vellum or parchment (to the exclusion of letters or other documents of any kind), and the Books, Maps, Prints, &c., may be either printed, written or plain, or any mixture of the three.

All legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of the same or of a portion thereof, will be allowed, whether such binding be loose or attached; as also rollers in the case of prints, markers (whether of paper or otherwise), in the case of Books, and in short whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter or usually appertains thereto.

Every Book packet must be either without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides.

It must not contain any letter, open or sealed, nor any sealed enclosure whatever.

No packet must exceed two feet in length, breadth or depth; exceeding these dimensions it cannot be forwarded through the Post.

AS REGARDS PATTERNS.
They must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed, whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.

There must be no writing or marks other than the address of the person for whom the packet is intended, a trade mark and numbers, and prices of the articles; otherwise the Packet will be detained or forwarded charged as an unpaid letter.

The Patterns must be sent in covers open at the ends so as to be easy of examination. Samples however, of goods, drugs, and so forth, which cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen or

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other material, tied at the neck; bags so closed that they cannot readily be opened, even although they be transparent, must not be used for this purpose. Non-compliance with this rule will also subject the packet to be detained, or forwarded as an unpaid letter.

The Packets or the contents thereof must not contain any inclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection.

In all other respects the general regulations of the Book Post will apply to the Pattern Post. Under these regulations, in order to prevent any interruption to the regular transmission of letters, a Packet of Patterns may, when it is necessary be kept back for the following Mail by which, in the ordinary course, it would be forwarded.

The decision of the Postmaster General as to the eligibility of any Packet, pattern, or sample contained therein, to be forwarded under these regulations, will be final and conclusive.

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F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, April 8, 1888.

THE subject of a Telegram from the General Post Office in London, which was received by the Undersecretary this day, is published for general information.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, Feb. 3, 1888.

From London To Point de Galle, Bayley.

Advise Australian Post-masters and Company Agents that a more favorable arrangement of dates for Australian Mail than that shown by time table has been made. Onward (outward) Mails for China and Australia will leave seven days later (later) than dates in time table; homeward Australian Mails will leave on (one) day earlier than in time table. First outward Mail to Australia on the new plan will leave Southampton on the 1st of March; 1st homeward Mail from Australia under new plan will leave Sydney twenty-eighth of March. Stay of vessels at Ceylon will be avoided. Intervals for replies in Australia and London will be much shortened. Advise also Bombay, Calcutta and China. Particulars by to-day's Mail.

10. P.M.
13. 1.55
(Signed) THOS. AUSTIN,
In Charge.

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Shanghai, January, 1887.

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Hongkong, March 18, 1888.

THE Members of the late Hongkong Volunteer Corps are hereby requested to return without delay to the Undersigned the RIFLES they have been allowed to retain, pending sanction for their purchase, the same not having been allowed.

H. COHEN.
Hongkong, March 18, 1887.

Intimations.

NOTICE.
It is hereby notified that the portion of Robinson Road which lies between Castle Road and Bonham Road is CLOSED to the Public from this date during certain Alterations and Repairs.

By order,
W. WILSON,
Surveyor General's Office,
Hongkong, December 17, 1887.

WANTED.
BY a Gentleman, just arrived, a Situation, as BOOK-KEEPER and ACCOUNTANT. Good, accurate, and trustworthy, thoroughly understands Shipping and Insurance. Address "H. B.," Office of this paper. Hongkong, January 18, 1888.

WANTED BY a YOUNG MAN, a situation as Clerk or Book-keeper. A nominal salary would be accepted, immediate employment being a greater object. Highest references can be given. Address "H.," Office of this paper. Hongkong, December 27, 1887.

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THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
53, Wyndham Street,
Hongkong, February 17, 1888.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st December last, at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum, say \$7.60 per paid-up Share of \$125, and \$1.50 per Share on which \$25 have been paid, is payable on and after MONDAY, the 17th inst., at the Office of the Corporation, Wardley House, Queen's Road, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Court of Directors,
VICTOR KRESSER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 14, 1888.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
HE Fee on the Transfer of Shares in the Corporation will henceforth be One Dollar for each Certificate issued, instead of Twenty-five Cents upon each individual Share as formerly.

VICTOR KRESSER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 11, 1888.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.
THE REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 15th day of February next (both days included), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

VICTOR KRESSER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 21, 1888.

SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.
HOLDERS of Certificates of Shares in the Shanghai Steam Navigation Company are requested to send them to the Agents of the Company, to be replaced by Receipts representing the amount of the old shares and the stock dividend added, pending the issue of New Share Certificates.

Rowley MILLER,
Secretary & Auditor.
Shanghai, 24th February, 1888.

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J. S. HOOK, SON & Co.,
Managers.
Hongkong, December 17, 1887.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Agency of this Company has been opened in Macao, under the care of Messrs Macgregor & Co., and that Captain Carroll has been appointed Surveyor for the Company at that Port.

By order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN S. MACKINTOSH,
Secretary.
Shanghai, September 28, 1887.

THE request of the Undersigned, Messrs GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., have taken notice of the following Insurance Companies:

Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company.
London and Provincial Marine Insurance Company.
Universal Marine Insurance Company Limited.

SMITH, KENNEDY & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 2, 1887.

SAILORS' HOME, WEST POINT.

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W. ADAMSON, Esq., B. BRAND, Esq., GEO. MACLEAN, Esq., Rev. J. J. LEWIS, Esq., D. D. LYON MURRAY, Esq., H. B. LEMANN, Esq., M. D.

Committee of Management.
The Hon. J. WHITTALL, Esq., Chairman. THOS. SUTHERLAND, H. G. THOMSON, Esq., R. N.

G. J. HELLAND, Esq.

DONATIONS of Books, Periodicals, Newspapers, Clothing, &c., will be most thankfully received.

Captain A. OVERBURY, assumes the duties of Superintendent from this date, to whom or to the committee any information required in connection with the "Home" should be applied for.

Hongkong, September 21, 1886.

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2nd " (2 Beds in a Room), " \$2.00
3rd " (Public Ward), " \$0.75

These Charges are inclusive of all Medicines and Attendants; but exclusive of Wines or Articles not in the recognized Dietary Table.

All orders for Admission to Hospital must be countersigned by some responsible Person or Persons resident in the Colony.

Patients are also admitted on Deposits at the following rates, renewable one day previous to the amount deposited having been expended:—

1st Class, \$60.
2nd " \$40.
3rd " \$20.

By order,
W. PATRICKSON,
Treasurer.
Hongkong, January 1, 1888.

PERMANENT PHOTOGRAPHY.

NEW PROCESS.
FLOYD & Co. have much pleasure in stating that they are now prepared to supply their Patrons with a first class CARD PORTRAIT that is permanent, unsurpassed for quality and price by any Photographer in China. An inspection will confirm this statement.

Terms, \$5 per dozen.
FLOYD & Co.,
Hongkong, April 13, 1888.

PORTRAITS.
MR. J. THOMSON is prepared to take PORTRAITS, VIEWS, and other PHOTOGRAPHS. Rooms, Commercial Bank Buildings, Queen's Road. Hongkong, March 11, 1888.

FORMOSA COAL DEPOT AT KILONG.
HAS on hand a large Stock of COAL of best quality, and is prepared to supply Steamers and Sailing Vessels with quick despatch at Current Rates, or deliver the same under Contract, at Hongkong and any Treaty Port in China.

The Depot drawing supplies from the best Mines only, intends to provide a superior article, free of the Surface Coal that has hitherto prejudiced consumers.

MILNICH & Co.,
Agents.
Kelung, April 2, 1888.

TO INVALIDS AND OTHERS.
JUST landed, ex "REVERE," from Calcutta, some very fine GUAVA JELLY in Jars.

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
Hongkong,
May 7, 1888.

RY THOMPSON & CO.'S
HIGHLY AERATED,
SODA WATER,
LEMONADE AND
GINGERADE.

Manufactured by INTERNATIONAL DISPENSARY,
23, Wellington Street.
Hongkong, April 14, 1888.

GEORGE GLASSE,
(FIVE YEARS MANAGER TO)
KINGFORD & Co., PICCADILLY,
LONDON, AND 28, PLACE
VENDEME, PARIS)

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN CHEMIST.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
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SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS
SUPPLIED & REFITTED.
Hongkong, May 1, 1887.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS & OINTMENT.
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THIS Medicine is universally admitted to be the most efficacious remedy known to the world. No preparation is so suitable to the climates of India and China as this line and invigorating medicine. It is particularly adapted to the constitution of European ladies, as it is never failing in its effects in all diseases peculiar to females, while those who are attacked by the debilitating effects of the above climates will find in this wonderful remedy a kind of tonic whereby they may insure a restoration to robust health.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.

The science of Medicine has never before produced any remedy that can be compared to this wonderful Ointment, as it cures after all other means have failed, all wounds, sores, ulcers, and also the most inveterate skin diseases peculiar to the climates of India and China. It is the true friend of the Soldier and Civilian, as certain old sores can be cured by any other treatment.

Hongkong, February 1, 1887.

NOTICE.
HE Steamers "PRINCE ALBERT" and "SIR JAMES JEE JEE" are withdrawn from the Canton River as Night Boats until further notice.

Hongkong, November 15, 1887.

BOWMA & Co.,
AUCTIONEERS, SHIP CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,
QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

Water Boats in constant readiness to supply Ships with Pure Fresh Water. Sails made and repaired on the Premises.

TO HOUSE-KEEPERS & SHIPMASTERS.

House and Ship Plumbers, Copper and Zinc Workers, and Gas Fitters, 14, Queen's Road West, and 16, Queen's Road East.

Adjoining the Yard, Praya West. Hongkong, November 4, 1887.

Intimations.

FRANK & HOLTZ,
General & Commission Agents
NAGASAKI.

BROWN, JONES & Co.,
UNDERWARRERS.

MONUMENTS and HEAD-STONES
ERECTED, in the Best Style.
Company, (ex officio), LEAD and METALLIC COFFINS, on the Shortest Notice.

Apply to C. M. BROWNIE,
Hollywood Road, Corner of Aberdeen St.

Wm. DOLAN,
SAIL MAKER, &c.
Duddell Street,
(Opposite French Consulate.)
Hongkong, April 2, 1886.

Mr. JOHN CLARK,
ARCHITECT and CIVIL ENGINEER.
Member, Institute of Civil Engineers, London; and Fellow, Royal Institute of British Architects.

Office—5, Alexandra Terrace,
Hongkong, March 23, 1888. Jun 24

ORIENTAL BOWLING ALLEY, AND BILLIARD SALOONS.
Entrance—Wellington Street.
DAVID BROWNE,
(LATE MANAGER OF THE ALBION HOTEL.)

EGGS to inform his Friends and the Public that he has opened the above Bar and Bowling Alley adjacent to Billiard Saloons, and trusts by strict attention to Business, and the comfort of visitors, to merit a share of their patronage.

Ice and Fancy Drinks of every Description. Hongkong, April 11, 1888.

For sale.

FOR SALE.
Ex Sir Lancelotti, Very Cross, and other Arrivals.

BASS'S PALE ALE in quarts and pints. London Brown STOUT, in do. Guinness STOUT, in do. Hennessy's and Martell's BRANDY. English OLD TOM GIN. Hubback's PAINTS.

Do. boiled and raw LINSEED OIL. At LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1888.

SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF!! SELLING OFF!!!

GREAT SACRIFICES!!!

MULLER & CLAUSSEN
DEG to announce that they are Selling OFF their stocks of the undermentioned GOODS at Invoice prices, consisting of:—Black Cloth Dress FROCK and Walking COATS.

Melton and Angola Walking, Shooting and SAC COATS.

Melton and Wilton YACHT JACKETS and OVER COATS.

Alpaca and Merino COATS. Black Dress TROUSERS.

Fancy Buckskin, Angola and Tweed TROUSERS.

Alpaca and Merino TROUSERS. White and Colored Linen TROUSERS. Black Dress VESTS.

Buckskin and Alpaca VESTS. Merino and Alpaca VESTS. White Buckskin and Linen VESTS. Colored Linen VESTS.

A large lot of PIECE GOODS, comprising:—Black and Blue Broad CLOTHS and DOCK KINS.

MELTONS, BUCKSKINS, ANGOLAS, TWEEDS and FIANNELS, of this Season's Patterns.

Also a new assortment of HOSIERY and SHIRTS of—

LONG CLOTH, with Linen FRONTS, &c. Silk and Wool SHIRTS.

Merino, Cotton, Lambswool and Flannel DRAWERS and UNDER VESTS.

Merino, Cotton and Lambswool HALF HOSE.

LADIES' COTTON HOSE. Dant's Kid and Driving GLOVES.

GOLLAHS, SCARVES, TIES, Chokers, BELTS and Cambric HANDKERCHIEFS.

Christy's Silk, Shell and Felt HATS, in the newest Shapes.

Dawson's BOOTS and SHOES. UMBRELLAS, Walking STICKS, Cloth and Hair BRUSHES.

PERFUMERY, Fancy SOAPS, and a great variety of other GOODS.

MULLER & CLAUSSEN,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, February 8, 1888.

FOR SALE.
MUNTZ Yellow METAL, 20/28 oz. and NAILS.

Apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, June 14, 1887.

FOR SALE.
100 Barrels PRIME PORK and 100 barrels MESS BEEF.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
JAMES Martin's Aromatic BIT-
TERS, superior quality.
SHERIDY.
PORT.
MULLER & CLAUSSEN.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

FOR SALE.
Very Superior DRY
SHERRY in 2 doz.
cases.
W. Superior DRY SHERRY.
S. in 2 doz. cases.
received ex "THE TWEED."
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

FOR SALE.
PAGNE in quarts and pints.
de Montebello.
Clique.
St. Marcoux & Co.
Hongkong, February 7, 1868.

FOR SALE.
Silicated Carbon FILTERS of
various sizes and Patterns.
lower BATES.
RAY & Co.
Hongkong, April 13, 1868.

FOR SALE.
CUBIC FEET MANILA
TIMBER, to arrive per
barque "MARIA MORTON."
LYNNAN BROTHERS & Co.
Hongkong, February 20, 1868.

FOR SALE.
JUST LANDED.
NEW cases Superior Manila
CIGARS and CHEROOTS.
assorted assortment of genuine
CIGARETTES.
ALFELD and ZACHARIAE.
Hongkong, April 29, 1868.

FOR SALE.
PUMPS
as under
7 inch, 3 lift patent PUMP
with Cast Iron flywheel and
handles, and with 6 hole 7 inch
copper plate, with goose neck
and fittings complete.
5 inch Do. do. do.
3 inch Gun Metal Fire EN-
GINES, with hoses complete.
BOWRA & Co.
Hongkong, January 21, 1868.

FOR SALE.
BRANDY in 1 doz. cases.
SHERRY "3"
PORT "2"
CLARET "1"
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, April 9, 1867.

INVESTMENT FOR THE OPEN
PORTS IN JAPAN.
SALE AT INVOICE COST.
RYMAN Printing Establishment,
the new, containing one Cylinder
made in Hamburg, a small hand
great quantity of Fancy and rub-
ber, wrought iron castings, &c.;
in every respect. Delivery may
be made. Invoice price \$2,000.
For particulars, apply to
C. A. SAINT, or to
DE SOUZA & Co.
Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

FOR SALE.
FRENCH SHIP "PAIX."
Direct from Bordeaux.
CLARET.
Superior quality in Wood, 46 gallons.
Dessert CLARET.
Leoville, \$9 per dozen.
Mangau, 14 "

FOR SALE.
A Light Breakfast CLARET,
by ourselves in Hongkong, each
containing a Seal with the Word
"PAIX."
G. DUBOST & Co.
Hongkong, April 17, 1868.

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FRENCH SHIP "PAIX."
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Superior quality in Wood, 46 gallons.
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CHAMPAGNE, Adolphe Collins and
L. Jauray & Co.'s Association. Vi-
sual.
CLARET, real Chateau Margaux.
L. Espartero Durand.
BRANDY, Hennessy's and Martell's in
1 dozen cases.
BEER and PORTER in bottle.
BUTTER (Platts) in kegs.
Also.
A quantity of Iron COLUMNS, Yellow
METAL, 20/28 oz. with NAILS.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, December 11, 1867.

FOR SALE.
HENDRIE, Piesse & Luvri's Fine As-
sortment of PERFUMES.
Also.
Dawson & Sons' BOOTS.
For Sale, at greatly Reduced Prices, by
JULIUS FUZIERE,
Hair Dressing Room, Up-stairs.
Hongkong, December 4, 1867.

FOR SALE.
MUNTZ'S Patent Yellow METAL
SHEATHING, from 20 to 24 oz.,
Composition NAILS, Brown Sheathing
FELT.
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, February 22, 1868.

FOR SALE.
EX MAIL STEAMER.
LYON SAUSAGES in best condition.
CHEESE and HAMS.
Assorted French CONFECTIONARY.
MALAGA RAISINS in bottles and tins.
ALMONDS in shells.
Peeled ALMONDS in tins.
Eleme FIGS in tins.
PRUNES in bottle.
Smoked Pomeranian GOOSEBREASTS,
at
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

FOR SALE.
SOCIAL LIFE OF THE CHINESE,
in 2 Volumes, by Rev. J. J. Doolittle,
is For Sale at Messrs. LANE,
Crawford & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai.
Price, \$3.00.
Hongkong, March 20, 1868. 20mar-69

FOR SALE.
YELLOW METAL and NAILS, 18 to
28 oz.
Superior CLARET, St. PIERRE, 1869.
Superior CHAMPAGNE, H. FIEZ &
Co., carte blanche.
SPIRITS OF WINE, in Boxes of 1 doz.
Bottles. RAYNAL & Co.
Hongkong, October 1, 1866.

FOR SALE.
YELLOW METAL, 18 to 28 oz. Muntz
and Viridis.
JOHN BURD & Co.
Hongkong, April 6, 1868.

FOR SALE.
Just Arrived.
2 BROADWAYS Grand PIANOS, may
be had at Wholesale Price.
Address "A." Office of this paper.
Hongkong, December 31, 1867.

FOR SALE.
STEAM COALS.
For Sale from Store, or deliverable on Board.
ENGLISH—London West Hartley.
DAVISON'S West Hartley, Straker,
West Hartley.
WELSH—Blaengwarry Martley.
Apply to ROBERT S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, March 16, 1866.

FOR SALE.
THE HULK CELESTIAL, as she now lies
at Aberdeen, in good order, well
found, and suitable for a floating store or
residence.
For particulars, apply to
JNO. S. LAPRAIK,
Hongkong, March 16, 1868.

FOR SALE.
PRIME CALIFORNIA CHEESE.
Do. Gruyere.
Do. California BUTTER.
100 barrels Prime Hamburg Mess PORK.
Prime Westphalia HAMS, at
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

FOR SALE.
A FEW cases of very superior SHERRY,
just received ex "Chateau Queen."
H. Superior Amontillado SHERRY
V.S.A. in 3 doz. cases.
H. Superior Oloroso SHERRY in 3
S.O.S. doz. cases.
H. Extra Superfine SHERRY in 2
S.S.S. doz. cases.
H. Quarter-casks (cased) Superior
S.O.S. Oloroso SHERRY.
Apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, January 27, 1868.

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.
HARMONIUMS and other Musical
INSTRUMENTS.
Christy Minstrel's SONGS. Pianoforte
OPERAS.
VIOLIN and other STRINGS, &c., &c.
INSTRUMENTS tuned and repaired.
28, Ballywood Road.
Hongkong, August 2, 1867. 2au-68

FOR SALE.
PAID UP CAPITAL, \$500,000.
THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong and China for
the above Company, are prepared to grant
Policies at Current Rates.
OLYPHANT & Co.
Hongkong, August 9, 1867.

FOR SALE.
SUN FIRE OFFICE.
THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Office, are pre-
pared to grant Policies against FIRE, on
the usual Terms and Conditions.
Risks will also be accepted at the follow-
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Canton, by Messrs. DEACON & Co.
Macao, by E. L. LANGE, Esq.
Amoy, by Messrs. BOYD & Co.
Fuzhou, by Messrs. KINKEAD & Co.
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Insurances.

NOTICE.
THE following Resolutions having refer-
ence to Insurance in Hongkong, adopt-
ed at a Meeting in London of the various
Fire Insurance Companies represented in
Hongkong and by the Hongkong Fire In-
surance Company, are circulated for general
information:
1st.—That in future, the rates for short
periods be calculated as follows:
Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the annual rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months, 1/2 " " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " "
Above six months, the full Annual Rate.
2nd.—That Petroleum and its Products
should be stored by themselves in build-
ings constructed in conformity with the
following regulations:
"The Building to be of Ground Floor
only, constructed of Brick or Stone,
with Tile, Slate or Metal roof, such
"roof to have apertures for the pur-
"pose of ventilation, the whole of
"such building to be sunk at least
"two feet below the surface of the
"road or street, or in the event of
"the floor not being sunk, then any
"openings in the walls of said build-
"ing to be built up to the height of
"at least three feet above the level of
"the road or street, in order to pre-
"vent the petroleum, &c. flowing
"out of the building in case of fire."
3rd.—That Saltpetre and Nitrates should
be stored in like manner in build-
ings of substantial structure (without
internal wood work) appropriated ex-
clusively to such articles.
4th.—That the rate for the foregoing ar-
ticles be not less than (2 1/2) per cent.
per annum.
5th.—That Gunpowder should be stored
in some fitting place either on shore
or in the Bay, under proper regulations
and at sufficient distance from all other
property.
6th.—That a clause be inserted in every
policy covering ordinary godowns, de-
claring that Petroleum and its pro-
ducts, Saltpetre, Nitrates and Gun-
powder, are not deposited therein.
7th.—That the foregoing regulations re-
garding the storage of goods do come
into operation on and after the 6th
July next.
8th.—That no Insurance on Chinese
Houses shall in future be taken at a
lower rate than (2 1/2) per cent. and a half
per cent. per annum.
Hongkong, April 6, 1868.
JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
Agents, Alliance Fire Insurance Company,
and General Managers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents China Fire Insurance Company,
Imperial Fire Insurance Company,
Phoenix Assurance Company,
Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance
Company.
R. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company
of Liverpool.
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Lancashire Insurance Company.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents, London Assurance Corporation,
Queen Fire Insurance Company,
Manchester Fire Insurance Company.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile
Insurance Company.
TURNER & Co.,
Agents, Northern Assurance Company.
WM. FORBES & Co.,
Agents for the Hamburg and Bremen Fire
Insurance Company.
ADAM SCOTT & Co., (In Liquidation),
Agents, Sun Fire Office.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents, Pacific Insurance Company
of San Francisco.
ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.,
Agents, Guardian Assurance Company.
Per pro the Dornoe Company, Limited,
JOHN FRASER,
Agents, Commercial Union Insurance
Company. 23my

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either at this Port, or at Macao, Canton or
Whampoa, to the extent of £15,000, in any
one Risk upon Buildings or Merchandise,
on the usual Terms.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, June 8, 1867.

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Vessel's Name and Where Anchored.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
STEAMERS.							
Aden	W. Andrews	Brit. str.	812	May 8	P. & O. S. N. Co	Bombay, &c.	15th, 7 a.m.
Ellin	W. Shait	C.-Chi. str.	200	May 5	Captain		
Ellora	W. Murray	Brit. str.	1579	May 6	P. & O. S. N. Co		
Kan Ka Kee	W. Yenton	Amer. str.	313	March 24	A. Heard & Co		
Kabou	W. Oort	Dut. str.	80	May 3	Captain		
Mona	W. Morison	Brit. str.	542	May 3	Douglas Lapraik & Co	Swatow, &c.	
Reiver	W. Bolton	Brit. str.	777	May 3	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Suwonada	W. Jayne	Amer. str.	1833	May 3	A. Heard & Co		
Tigre	W. Bolle	Brit. str.	1700	April 22	Messages Imperiales	Shanghai, Saigon, Suez, &c.	Immediate
Yesso	W. Ashton	Brit. str.	680	April 22	Douglas Lapraik & Co	Swatow, &c.	
SAILING VESSELS.							
Amaranth	W. Fabius	N. Ger. bk.	460	May 8	Melchers & Co		
Amoy	W. Parkman	Brit. bk.	209	May 2	Thos. Hunt & Co		
Ariel	W. Keay	Brit. bk.	865	May 2	Bosman & Co		
Atrevida	W. Bisset	Brit. bk.	487	April 6	Rozario & Co	Melbourne and Sydney	
Belvidero	W. Hower	Amer. sh.	1321	March 20	Captain		
Bertha	W. Wagner	Prus. bg.	235	April 29	Wm. Pustau & Co		
Bessie	W. Simmons	Brit. bk.	562	April 27	Chinese		
Bob Tail Nag	W. Greham	Brit. sch.	170	May 7	George Holmes		
Carmanthenshire	W. Hensworth	Brit. sh.	812	May 1	Holliday, Wise & Co		
Chillingham	W. Dunn	Brit. bk.	462	May 6	Chinese		
Cintra	W. Ravacho	Port. bk.	362	May 5	Rozario & Co		
Cutty Sark	W. Moran	Siam. sh.	475	April 28	Chinese		
Dayspring	W. Middleton	Brit. bk.	393	March 19	Russell & Co	Melbourne and Sydney	Early
Deerfoot	W. Carlin	Brit. bk.	490	May 1	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Eleanor	W. Ronaldson	Brit. bk.	486	May 1	Douglas Lapraik & Co		
Ellen Hood	W. Neill	Amer. sh.	1012	May 8	A. Heard & Co		
Energie	W. Angles	Fch. bk.	278	May 2	Wm. Pustau & Co		
Estafette	W. Vekia	Dut. bk.	424	May 5	Bosman & Co		
Ettrick	W. Cleford	Brit. bk.	309	May 8	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Everest	W. Clarke	Brit. sh.	671	May 11	Gilman & Co		
Flying Cloud	W. Urquhart	Brit. bg.	233	May 1	A. Heard & Co		
Frisch	K. Tutin	G. Ger. sch.	207	May 9	Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
Geo. Crasshaw	W. Alexander	Brit. sh.	670	May 4	Bosman & Co		
Henri IV.	W. Monillot	Fch. sh.	760	May 7	Order		
Isaac da Costa	W. Kallio	Dut. bk.	600	May 2	Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
Java	W. Anderson	Prus. bk.	309	March 31	Arnhold Karberg & Co	Portland	Early
Jeanne Alice	W. Montier	Fch. sh.	1209	March 11	Order	San Francisco	Immediate
John L. Dimmock	W. Wenchell	Brit. sh.	1047	March 20	Russell & Co		
Leamona	W. Steinike	Brem. bk.	300	May 2	E. Schollhaus & Co		
Madras	W. Wupper	N. Ger. bk.	289	May 7	Siemssen & Co		
Matilda	K. Ramsey	Brit. bg.	252	May 8	Grun & Co		
Midnight	W. Brock	Amer. sh.	838	April 14	Olyphant & Co	Tientsin	Immediate
Minerva	W. Carreras	Span. bk.	273	May 7	Remedios & Co		
Najaden	W. Neilson	Nor. sch.	230	May 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Nellie Abbott	W. Jordan	Amer. bk.	432	May 2	Olyphant & Co		
New Granada	W. Brown	Brem. bk.	360	May 1	E. Schollhaus & Co		
Neville	K. Jackson	Brit. sh.	715	Feb. 16	Turner & Co		
Nuevo Constante	W. Bava	Span. bg.	250	May 5	Remedios & Co		
Nuanu	W. Hager	Hawa. sch.	160	May 2	Melchers & Co		
Orestes	W. Conception	Siam. bk.	381	May 5	Chinese		
Orpheus	E. Crowell	Amer. sh.	1067	May 5	Russell & Co		
Paramatta	W. Andrews	Brit. bk.	370	April 16	Russell & Co		
Peiho	W. Hoidt	N. Ger. bk.	244	May 6	Arnhold Karberg & Co		
Peiho	W. O'Hair	Span. bk.	269	May 7	Remedios & Co		
Peruvian	W. Thompson	Amer. sh.	1076	April 14	Pacific Mail S. S. Co		
Piccola	W. Krall	N. Ger. bk.	253	May 1	Siemssen & Co		
Queen of the Sea	E. Reid	Brit. bk.	442	May 2	Douglas Lapraik & Co		
Rachael	W. Ferth	Brit. bk.	288	May 5	Russell & Co	San Francisco	Early
Reynard	W. Emery	Amer. sh.	1020	April 17	Russell & Co		
San Lorenzo	W. Lebesna	Span. bg.	220	April 7	Remedios & Co	Puget Sound	Early
Sarah March	E. Morton	Brit. sh.	624	May 3	Russell & Co		
Sea Ripple	W. Pringle	Brit. sh.	123	May 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Stad Assen	W. Bouer	Dut. bk.	444	April 28	Order		
St. George	W. Peterson	Siam. bk.	319	May 3	Chinese		
Tek Lee	W. Kerr	Hamb. bk.	350	April 30	Wm. Pustau & Co	Hilo	
The Colleen Bawn	W. Allen	Brit. bk.	386	April 8	Arnhold Karberg & Co		
Undine	E. Scott	Brit. sh.	790	April 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Villa de Rivadavia	W. Casilla	Span. bg.	261	April 13	Remedios & Co		
Wemyss Castle	W. Nicoll	Brit. sh.	700	April 26	Birley & Co		
William Chantler	K. Brown	Brit. sh.	700	April 30	Bosman & Co	San Francisco	
Windward	W. Barrett	Amer. sh.	900	May 5	Olyphant & Co		
Zulu	W. Baves	Brit. bk.	613	April 27	John Burd & Co	Shanghai	

WHAMPOA.

Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
Belded Will	Locke	Brit. sh.	812	May 11	Douglas Lapraik & Co		
Danzig	Eldridge	Prus. sch.	289	April 29	Russell & Co		
Gazelle	N. Ger. bk.	Brit. sh.	198	May 8	Carlowitz & Co		
Glenroy	Warden	Brit. bk.	337	May 8	Ang. Heard & Co		
Jane Woodburn	McDonald	Brit. bk.	209	May 7	Bosman & Co	New York	Early
Johanna	N. Ger. bk.	Brit. sh.	218	May 11	E. Schollhaus & Co		
Kwik	Lorange	Nor. bg.	131	May 3	Siemssen & Co		
Lima	Meinhard	Dut. bk.	265	May 10	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Luzzo Allen	Ooe	Brit. sch.	300	May 3	Wm. Pustau & Co		
Patino	Palera	Span. str.	1200	April 30	Spanish Consul	Manila	
Providenza	Nattini	Ital. sh.	564	April 27	Remedios & Co		
Sultan	Howard	Brit. bk.	309	May 3	Order		

SHANGHAI.

Merchant Sailing Vessels, from or for European, Australian and American Ports, in Harbour on April 24.

Ship's Name.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Where from.	Destination.	Consignees or Agents.
Argonatti	Nicolson	Brit. sh.	1072	April 12	London		Jardine, Matheson & Co
Catharina	Nicolson	N. Ger. bk.	840	April 7	Sydney	Nagasaki	Glover & Co
Dilkoush	Brit. sh.	April 23	London				
Emily Finn	Penell	Brit. sh.	1009	March 30	Cardiff		Master
Forward Ho	Hessack	Brit. sh.	942	April 25	Liverpool		Gibb, Livingston & Co
Jennie Bortaux	Harrison	Brit. bk.	608	April 9	Newcastle, N.S.W.		A. Heard & Co
Marcellus	White	Brit. bk.	275	April 13	Newcastle, N.S.W.		Captain, King & Co
Napoleon III	McMillan	Brit. sh.	780	April 6	Sydney		Frazier & Co
Nisaga	Meridi	Fch. bk.	743	April 11	Sydney		Olyphant & Co
Pekin	Seymour	Amer. bk.	595	April 10	San Francisco	Hongkong	

VESSELS LOADING.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Consignees.	Intended Despatch.
CHINA & JAPAN PORTS—				
SHANGHAI ...	Windward	Am. sh.	Olyphant & Co	
Do. ...	Suwonada	Am. str.	Aug. Heard & Co	
OTHER PORTS—				
BOMBAY, &c.—Eng. Mail.	Ellora	Br. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co	
MELBOURNE & SYDNEY	Dayspring	Br. bk.	Russell & Co	16th
Do. Do.	Atravida	Br. bk.	Rozario & Co	Early
NEW YORK ...	J. Woodburn*	Br. bk.	Bornee Company	
PORTLAND ...	Jeanne Alice	Fr. sh.	Orler	
PUGET SOUND ...	Sarah March	Br. sh.	Russell & Co	
SAN FRANCISCO	J. L. Dinmuck	Br. sh.	Russell & Co	
Do. ...	Reynard	Am. sh.	Russell & Co	Early
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